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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shinichi HARA et al.

Application No.: 09/818,625

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METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR  
MANUFACTURING FACTORY, AND EXPOSURE  
APPARATUS MAINTENANCE METHOD

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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In response to the Official Action dated March 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	52	MINUS	75	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	10	MINUS	11	= 0	x \$42 \$84	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140°/\$280						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0.00

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☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice dated February 4, 2003, and entitled “Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted.”